

Rain or snow tonight and probably tomorrow.

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MISSING CHICAGO CHOIR SINGER IS FOUND MURDERED

Mrs. Bessie Hollister Strangled to Death With Wire.

CARPENTER CONFESSES

Body Was Thrown Over Fence Into Back Yard of His Shop.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Bessie Hollister, choir singer of the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church and prominent in North Side society, who disappeared from her home, 438 Fullerton avenue, early yesterday, was found dead early today—murdered—with a copper wire wound three times around her neck, in the rear of a carpenter shop in Belden avenue. She had left her home to sing at a funeral, and disappeared mysteriously. Nothing further was known of her till her body was found today.

Found by Carpenter.

The body was discovered by Richard Evans shortly before 8 o'clock. He opened the doors to his little shop, and went into the small back yard. He saw what he thought was a tangled heap of clothing which had been thrown over the fence. He went forward, and was horrified to find the woman's corpse. She had evidently been strangled. The copper wire had been wound around her neck again and again till it had killed her. Her body had been thrown over the fence. It was evident that the crime had been committed some hours before.

An Alleged Confession.

Assistant Chief of Police Schuetter announced at 11:30 o'clock that the mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. Bessie Hollister, the North Side choir singer of Wesleyan Methodist Church, found strangled today with a copper wire wound around her neck, had been cleared up by a confession of Richard Evans.

The latter was at that moment in the sweat box before Schuetter, Inspector Lavin, and Captain Healy, in North Halsted Street Station. Evans is the twenty-four-year-old son of Edward Evans, behind whose carpenter shop, at 338 Belden avenue, Mrs. Hollister's body was found.

There is another son, Harold, a few years younger than Richard, who conducts a florist business in the family home on Halsted street. The preliminary confession made by Evans to Assistant Chief Schuetter, in the form of a signed statement, was as follows:

"She came along about 7 o'clock. I was alone in the barn and feeling pretty good. I had been drinking. I went out and grabbed her and struggled with her. She screamed three or four times, but I struck her and forced her into the barnyard."

"I may have put the wire around her neck. I don't know. I was under the weather."

RICHARD EVANS. Inspector Lavin, on hearing of the crime, just at the time the body was found, sent half a dozen detectives to the scene. He promptly communicated with Chief Collins and Assistant Chief Schuetter, and preparations were made to put every available plain clothes man in the city on the case.

Secured All Day.

The police have evidence that Mrs. Hollister had been murdered before noon yesterday, her body secreted all day and taken in a light wagon after dark last night to the yard where found, and thrown over the fence.

Robbery the Motive.

Mrs. Hollister left her home at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning. She had made arrangements to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Semple in the afternoon. She signified her intention of doing some shopping near her home before the service, and was well provided with money for the purpose.

The last trace of Mrs. Hollister was her appearance at a florist's, where she ordered flowers. Rain and snow continued in the south Atlantic States, and light snow or rain is now falling in the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and eastern Texas.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The north Pacific depression has made little progress eastward in the last twenty-four hours, although an offshore appears to have advanced to eastern Montana. In eastern districts an area of high pressure has advanced from the middle Mississippi valley to the mouth of the St. Lawrence, and a shallow depression still lingers over the south Atlantic east of the Florida coast.

Rain continues in the Pacific Coast States, the area of precipitation having extended to the extreme southern portion of California. Rain also continues in the south Atlantic States, and light snow or rain is now falling in the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and eastern Texas.

9 a. m. 35
12 noon 32
1 p. m. 29

9 a. m. 40
12 noon 40
1 p. m. 44

Sun rises today 5:00
Sun rises tomorrow 7:18

Low tide today 11:11
High tide today 2:56
Low tide tomorrow 4:56 a. m., 5:03 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 10:41 a. m., 11:58 p. m.

Times Want Ads Bring Results.

YOUNGER MIDDIES AS HUMAN AUTOS DO MANY STUNTS

Hazed Plebes Are Made to Work as Devil Wagons.

ONE YOUTH THE "SMELL"

Others Required to Form Teams and Imitate Sounds of Machine.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 12.—An automobile manufactory, which converted raw material, otherwise "plebes," into devil wagons, with much noise and fairly high speed, has been unearthed in the United States Naval Academy.

The trial of John Paul Miller, of the first class, for hazing, developed this fact, and it is expected to establish which of the four men he is charged with hazing was the headlight or the "smell"—as the small boy said—and which one was the engine and who was the wheels of the "machine" discovered by the board of investigation of hazing.

Origin of "Smell."

The publication of the story of the disconsolate small boy who sat apart on the curb while the others of his "gang" played around and apparently had great fun, and who explained to the sympathetic passer-by that his companions were playing "automobile" and he was the "smell," is said to have been the origin of the establishment which nightly turned out motor cars. These were guaranteed to put any midshipman in a bad humor, and the scheme was just this.

Four or more "plebes" would be gathered into a room and instructed in the duties of component parts of a machine. One would be designated as the headlight, the others as wheels and another as that all important part—the horn. A man who had been tried and found able was given the tooting post, and the man who was the steering gear was detailed a route and destination, and the machine product of the ingenuity of an upper class man was off.

With a great shuffling of feet and other physical efforts to properly imitate a gasoline car the squal of fourth class clung about the head through Bancroft Hall under all the power they could muster.

Twisting Steering Part.

The steering part would twist along the rim of the room of the man to be visited would be reached, and then into the group would plunge. They would run around him, and it is said the machine, under orders, of course, would sometimes even try to run over the man on whom it called.

The trial of the human auto were frequent, say those who have heard of it, and it is really claimed that it has run over first class men, with great damage to all its parts. To get down to its application in Miller's case one of the home-made machines tripped up his room one night, the prosecution will allege. It made a noise and behaved miserably for even a Naval Academy product. Miller was studying hard—"boning," as the middies say—and was naturally annoyed. "Get on your heads, you plebes," he is alleged to have said, and on their heads they went. Canine, Cooper, DeMont and Donahue, the component parts of the ready-made machine that night.

The charges are that he made each man do the "sixteenth" a number of times, and the question is whether or not self-defense will be charged.

Punishment Justifiable?

It is claimed the punishment might have been justifiable. For the first time comedy has gotten into the trials, and it is said the official exposure of the automobile plant and its owners will make interesting reading. Incidentally, every man who had anything to do with it will be tried. This is thought to be the reason the judge advocate has not yet been supplied with the specifications in any other case, as Admiral Sands is awaiting the outcome of Miller's case. Just why he was tried first is a question.

Verdict in Decatur Case.

The court reached a verdict in Decatur's case yesterday afternoon after about an hour's deliberation. There is no secret that every possible means will be taken to keep Decatur in the navy. There are two of the specifications of the three which look dangerous, and should be taken to the Secretary of the Navy, and possibly to Congress, in the event of a failure there.

Meriwether Again Arrested.

A sensation was sprung here this morning, when it was announced that Midshipman Minor Meriwether, jr. of Louisiana, had been put under arrest on a charge of hazing, supported by six specifications. Meriwether is now serving a sentence of one year confinement to the Academy grounds, having been convicted of disorder and quarreling in connection with his fight with Midshipman James R. Branch.

The trial of Midshipman John P. Miller, of Lancaster, Ky., star member of the graduating class, was continued this morning. There is a story of letting down in the cases brought before the court, and this morning, Lieut. Com. S. R. Norvell, U. S. N., was detailed as assistant to the judge advocate. Errors in the specifications of yesterday have been corrected and the trial proceeded.

Demurrer Interposed.

The accused stated that he wished to plead through his counsel, and Colonel Lauchheimer then interposed a demurrer on the ground that the facts alleged

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FAIR ACTRESS WHO PUTS VALUE OF HER NAME AT THE SUM OF \$250,000



MRS. JAMES BROWN POTTER.

Declares Rogers' Reply Was in Bad Grace

Hadley's Attorney Assails Oil Magnate—Big Battle on in Court—Arguing Question of Right to Refuse to Answer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Argument was continued today before Justice Gildersleeve of the supreme court on the order to show cause why Henry H. Rogers, the director-general of the Standard Oil Company, should not answer certain questions put to him by Attorney General Hadley of Missouri, in the suits brought against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and three independent oil companies by the State of Missouri.

Mr. Rowe, personal counsel for Mr. Rogers, said when court opened that there were three parties in the present case—the witness, the respondents in the Missouri suits, and counsel for the State of Missouri. Each Talks Hour.

Justice Gildersleeve said he would allow each side an hour to complete argument.

Henry Wollman, counsel for Attorney General Hadley, began. He recited the history of the Missouri suits and then dwelt at some length on certain questions which Mr. Rogers declined to answer. The defense, before pleading its relevancy, Mr. Wollman spoke of Mr. Rogers' declination to answer because of the presence of newspaper men, and said at no time during the taking of the testimony of Mr. Rogers

had he objected to the presence of reporters or stated that their presence made it impossible for him to make reply.

Mr. Wollman declared that neither Mr. Rogers nor his counsel had previously taken the stand, and that the commission had no right to take the depositions.

Resents Rogers' Snear.

Mr. Wollman said the inquiry of the commission was perfectly legitimate, and that he resented the sneering aspersions of Mr. Rogers against Attorney General Hadley. Mr. Wollman said the aspersions of Mr. Rogers as to the motives of Attorney General Hadley came with bad grace from a witness who had held the courts in contempt.

W. J. Curtis, who appeared for Mr. Rogers, presented the answer in the form of an affidavit, this affidavit was read. The defense, before pleading its relevancy, Mr. Wollman spoke of Mr. Rogers' declination to answer because of the presence of newspaper men, and said at no time during the taking of the testimony of Mr. Rogers

TOM HUGHES SOLD TO THE ATHLETICS

Sensational But Unreliable Twirl Will Help Connie Mack's Champions. Did Well Last Season.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 13.—Manager Mack, of the Athletics, announces that he has bought the release of "Long Tom" Hughes, star right hander of the Washington club.

Hughes pitched sensational ball at times for the Nationals last year. He helped Boston win a world's championship in 1905, and pitched for the New York Americans the following season. He was traded to Washington in 1904.

F STREET BLAZE CAUSES BIG ALARM

Firemen Quickly Extinguish Slight Fire Caused by Overcharged Electric Wire.

An alarm for fire was turned in at the corner of Twelfth and F streets north-west, about 1:29 o'clock this afternoon, that created great excitement among the crowd of shoppers that thronged F street at that time.

Dense clouds of smoke were seen issuing from the roof of Hall's confectionery store, and passersby informed Policeman Samson, of the First precinct.

It was found that the electric wires supplying the store with light had been come over-charged, thereby setting fire to the roof of the store. The fire was extinguished in a few moments with but little damage and the electric company soon had the wires in working order again.

GREEN AND GAYNOR MUST ANSWER CHARGE

Court Overrules Pleas in Abatement Filed by Attorneys for the Defense.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 12.—When the Greene and Gaynor case was called this morning the order of the court ruling out the general demurrer of the defense was read. The defense, before pleading its relevancy, Mr. Wollman spoke of Mr. Rogers' declination to answer because of the presence of newspaper men, and said at no time during the taking of the testimony of Mr. Rogers

The Government moved to strike out the pleas in abatement.

Hon. Alexander A. Lawrence, of counsel for Greene and Gaynor, was fined one hundred dollars for contempt of court by Judge Speer during his argument in support of the pleas in abatement. Mr. Lawrence declared that, unwittingly of course, but by a coincidence, an avowed enemy to one of the counsel for the accused had been appointed a jury commissioner that had selected the grand jury that returned the indictment at last.

"Mr. West is president of the Georgia Senate, a former lieutenant-governor, and one of the most honorable and upright men in the State," said Judge Speer, "and for that reason was appointed by this court to the position of jury commissioner. It is not to be tolerated that such a man should be so treated by the counsel for the accused."

Mr. Lawrence will pay the clerk \$100 for contempt.

The Southern's Palm Limited

to Florida, also Aiken and Augusta, leaves Washington daily except Sunday, 6:35 p. m. Electric lighted throughout. Other high-class trains to Florida and all other resorts for winter outings. L. S. Brown, G. A., Southern Railway, 705 15th st. n. w.—Adv.



Mrs. Potter's Beautiful English Home.

Would Purchase Name From First Mrs. Potter

Cold - Blooded Business Deal Between Women Who Married Same Man. Figure Named Is \$250,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Mrs. James Brown Potter, the actress, demands \$250,000 for the name of Mrs. James Brown Potter.

A proposition to her to surrender this name has been made by lawyers who are said to represent Mrs. James Brown Potter, of New York, formerly Miss May Handy, of Baltimore, the present wife of the former husband of the actress.

The New York Mrs. James Brown Potter, it is stated, has been greatly annoyed by the fact that her husband's

first wife continues to use the name, with the result that they are constantly mixed in the imagination of ignorant persons.

Her name brought her an income, and there was no reason why she should relinquish it to enhance the social position of the woman now the wife of her former husband. Finally, the English lawyers, in response to a suggestion that there might be a consideration, said that Mrs. James Brown Potter would not consent to give up that name unless she were paid \$250,000.

SHATTERS HOPES OF CRAZY SNAKE

President Tells Him Creeks Must Submit.

Had Hoped His People Would Be Permitted to Go Undisturbed by Authorities.

Crazy Snake, the Creek chieftain, went away from the White House this morning with sorrow in his heart.

He saw the Great White Father and told him of the wishes of his people that they be allowed to live like their fathers, unmolested by modern treatment, but he received no encouragement. The President told the big chief that a new treaty had been promulgated and accepted by the majority of the Creeks, and that he and his people would have to abide by its terms.

Four Futile Journeys.

For four winters Crazy Snake has journeyed from Indian Territory to Washington to appear before Congress in an effort to have the treaty rejected, but he has had no success.

Crazy Snake, or Wilson Jones, as he is known to the English world, came to the White House this morning by appointment, with Representative Curtis of Kansas. He was accompanied by his son, Thomas Jones, who has not yet acquired an Indian name; R. M. Phillips, colored half-breed, who cannot speak a word of English, and Silas Jefferson, the veteran Creek interpreter.

The big chief is a splendid specimen of Indian manhood. Six feet 2 inches tall, he stands erect and commanding, despite the fifty winters which have passed over his head, and is as strong as in appearance as any of his forefathers, who in paint and feathers fought "Old Hickory" in the swamps of Alabama and Mississippi.

Silas Jefferson, the interpreter, is a jet black colored man over sixty years of age. He was born and reared among the Creeks and speaks their language better than he handles English. Silas is conspicuous by the big copper rings which he wears in his ears, and he prides himself upon the record which he made as a soldier during the civil war in the Union army. Crazy Snake also informed the newspaper men through his dusky mouthpiece that he had two uncles in the Federal army.

Meets the President.

The Creeks were introduced to the President by Mr. Curtis, and Crazy Snake briefly told the President what his people wanted. Mr. Roosevelt as briefly informed the chief that his people would have to accept the treaty.

It is expected that there will be some murmurs of discontent among the Crazy Snake tribe when he tells them the result of his errand to the Capital, but it is not thought they will make any direct opposition to the President's will.

Crazy Snake's tribe occupies a large tract of land, embracing many thousands of acres, in one of the richest sections of Indian Territory, and they are loath to give it up.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return, \$1.25

Pennsylvania Railroad, Saturday, and Sunday; tickets good on all trains except Congressional Limited, and good for return until Sunday night.—Adv.

REV. GEO. H. COREY TRANSFERS RIGHTS

Gives Son Property in University Heights.

Conveyance Represents Remainder of One-half Former Minister Acquired as Part Owner.

Rev. George H. Corey, formerly pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, corner C street and John Marshall place, has transferred his holdings in the American University Heights subdivision to his son, Henry B. Corey, of New York city.

The deed of conveyance was placed on record yesterday, and it was stated today at the Rixes House, where Dr. Corey was stopping, that he had left the city and would not return until Monday.

The property is variously estimated to be worth from \$400 to \$1,000 per lot, and represents what remains of Dr. Corey's one-half of the subdivision, of which he was one of the original owners at the time the subdivision was made ten or twelve years ago. The deed states a nominal consideration of \$10.

Drinking Places Barred.

The deed contains a provision that not until after 1910 shall the owner of the property erect any building on it to cost less than \$3,500, nor shall any tavern, drinking saloon, or building for any offensive purpose be allowed to be erected on the ground.

Dr. Corey was made pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church about twelve years ago, and served there about three years. He is now out of the ministry and resides in Virginia. His wife secured a divorce from him about a year ago, in Fairfax county, Va., on the ground of desertion.

Schedule of Lots.

The schedule of the lots conveyed is as follows:
Lots 5 and 6, block 1; lots 6 to 12, block 2; lots 2, 20, 44 to 49, block 3; lots 4 to 13, 14, 15, 20, 23, 24, 25 to 31, 49 to 55, block 4; lots 1 to block 5; lots 4, 5, 8 to 12, 15, 16, 25, 26, block 6; lots 5 to 9, 18, 19, 20, 33, 34, 35, 36, 42 to 45, 57, 58, 59, block 7; lots 13, 14, 15 to 25, block 8; lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, block 9; lots 1 to 5, block 10; lots 1 to 13, 15, 16, 19, 21 to 23, 34 to 39, block 11; lots 11 to 14, 21 to 31, block 12; lots 2 to 10, 15, 21, 22, 25, 26, 36 to 37, 40, 41, 46 to 51, block 13; lots 3 and 4, block 14; lots 3 to 11, 15, 17, 22, 23, block 14; lots 2 to 5, 8, 11 to 14, 19 to 22, 23 to 33, block 15; lots 1, 12 to 15, 28 to 33, block 16; lots 20 to 23, 35 to 42, block 17; lots 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, block 18; lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, block 19; lots 1 and 6, block 21; lots 5, 10, 16, 17, 18, 25, 36, 37, block 22.

WOMAN FELL UNCONSCIOUS AT NINTH STREET BLAZE

When a pile of rubbish in the cellar at 1709 Ninth street northwest was discovered about 7:30 o'clock this morning, an aged woman, who refused to give her name, became hysterical and fell unconscious to the floor.

Donahue, of No. 7 Engine Company, ran to her rescue and carried her to the street, where she was quickly revived by a physician. Firemen who responded to the alarm from box 252 put out the blaze with hand extinguishers before any damage was done. The origin is unknown.

Times Want Ads Bring Results.

MIRACLE WORKERS WHO RAISED DEAD ARE UNDER ARREST

President Orders Crusade Against Force of Life Company.

POLITICIANS INVOLVED

Alleged Head of Organization Is General James R. O'Beirne.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Dr. William Wallace Hadley, medical director of the Force of Life Chemical Company, and Mrs. Laura M. Wilson, assistant medical director of the same concern, have been arrested in this city by the Federal authorities on a charge of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses by the use of the United States mails.

They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Ridgway, and held in \$2500 bail each for examination week hence. The literature of the company gives Gen. James R. O'Beirne its president.

Other Officials Named.

In the complaint against the prison two other officials of the Force of Life Chemical Company are named jointly with them as parties to the conspiracy. These two officials are now out of city. It is said that other arrests would be made before long.

The Force of Life Chemical Company for the last three or four years maintained elaborate offices in this city. At present the company is located at 225 Broadway. It has done an extensive mail business. An official of the company told the postal authorities that the concern had not less than one million "patients," about one-eighth the population of the United States.

The investigation leading to the arrest had covered a period of almost a year and has been managed jointly by postoffice authorities, Assistant United States District Attorney Clarence Houghton, Champe S. Andrews, John S. Cooper, the two latter as counsel for the New York County Medical Society.

Ordered by Roosevelt.

The Federal authorities started on trial of the Force of Life concern on personal initiative of President Roosevelt.

"In the glare of the midnight light one of the advertisements of the company reads, 'bending over with cruel and tortuous, Dr. William Wallace Hadley cried triumphantly, 'I have it!' He had succeeded in making a chemical combination of concentrated extracts which might truly be called 'liquid life.' There it was, glimmering in its sheen of ruby red, white the trial itself seemed to quiver and vibrate as if it were a reservoir of restraining tremendous dynamic force it held."

"There was leeching, the force of life, the power that makes man live and think. Without this subtle essence in your system death would occur. You could read three of the lines."

"With it in sufficient quantity you can combat any disease. To discover and make the vital principle of life has been the dream of the chemist—the goal of the medical professor—all ages."

Power to Raise Dead.

For a whole year since this announcement was sent broadcast through the mails as preamble to pamphlet issued by the Force of Life Chemical Company, in which extraordinary virtues were claimed for preparations "from nature" to raise the dead was asserted for Dr. Hadley, medical director, the United States authorities and the New York County Medical Society have been burning midnight oil over complaints against the company and Dr. Hadley from parts of the country, in an effort to get evidence enough to make arrests.

The powers of raising the dead pretended to by Dr. Hadley first challenged the attention of the authorities in the case of a woman, Postmaster General Cortelyou received a personal letter from President Roosevelt, closing one of the Force of Life Company's circulars which had been sent to the President by a woman.

About the same time the New York County Medical Society received a number of complaints against the company, and instructed its counsel, Champe S. Andrews, to start a searching investigation. Mr. Andrews called on the Postoffice authorities, and on the first time learned of the investigation ordered by the President. From that time on until now Mr. Andrews and the United States authorities have been working in their efforts to bring the moving spirits in the Force of Life Company to justice and stop the circulation of their literature through the mails.

The prosecution will be conducted by Assistant United States District Attorney S. Clarence Houghton in this city.

O'Beirne in Politics.

Gen. James R. O'Beirne for years has been more active in Republican politics in this city, and has held a number of offices under

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